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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 12, 14 and 15 are cancelled and claims 16 to 28 are added as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 to 15 (Cancelled).

16. (New) A method of limiting the speed of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

determining the environmental conditions of said vehicle;

5 determining a maximum permissible speed in dependence upon the determined environmental conditions; and,

limiting the speed of said vehicle to said maximum permissible speed only when the following conditions are satisfied:

10 (a) said determined environmental conditions have been present uninterruptedly for a pregiven time duration; and,

(b) the instantaneous speed of said vehicle exceeds said maximum permissible speed.

17. (New). The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of determining said environmental conditions in dependence upon at least one of the following: rain intensity, humidity, ambient

temperature, ambient pressure and ambient brightness.

18. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said limiting is disabled when an operator-controlled element is actuated beyond a pregiven threshold angle.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said operator-controlled element is an accelerator pedal.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said limiting is disabled only with the actuation of said operator-controlled element beyond said threshold angle when said actuation has been present for a pregiven time duration.

21. (New) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of disabling said limiting when at least one of said environmental conditions passes a pregiven threshold value.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said limiting is disabled when at least one of the following occurs: the rain intensity drops below a first pregiven value; the ambient brightness exceeds a second pregiven value; the ambient
5 temperature exceeds a third pregiven value and the ambient pressure exceeds a fourth pregiven value.

23. (New) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of disabling said limiting when a switch-off condition is present.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein said switch-off condition is present when at least one of the following occurs: a wheel slip of said vehicle drops below a fifth pregiven value and an instantaneous speed of said vehicle drops below a sixth
5 pregiven value.

25. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said limiting of the speed is realized by limiting a driver command torque or is realized by limiting a degree of actuation of an operator-controlled element.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said operator-controlled element is an accelerator pedal.

27. (New) The method of claim 16, comprising the further step of carrying out an increase of the speed of said vehicle above said maximum permissible speed in the form of a ramp function or iteratively in a pregiven step width.

28. (New) An arrangement for limiting the speed of a vehicle, the arrangement comprising:

means for determining the environmental conditions of said vehicle;

5 means for determining a maximum permissible speed in dependence upon the determined environmental conditions;

means for limiting the speed of said vehicle to said maximum permissible speed only when the following conditions are satisfied:

- 10 (a) said determined environmental conditions have been
present uninterruptedly for a pregiven time duration; and,
- (b) the instantaneous speed of said vehicle exceeds said
maximum permissible speed.